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But my guess is--and I'm not Nostradamus, although I'm sure...Senator Stuthman is looking at me like he thinks I am--this will pass. There are enough votes in Omaha to get this to pass, and it's going to be ugly. It's going to be ugly. If we can give them the opportunity now before the boat floats away, let's give it to them. But my belief is that the consensus will have to be something really, really easy, and we're not at that point right now. We're getting weird filibuster types of things from Senator Erdman. We have an amendment up there. And I guess I would vote yes for Senator Schimek's...the entire resolution, and the amendment, I don't know. But are we going in the right direction here? Senator Johnson made a good point. Omaha, the citizens of Omaha are going to be, in a major way, making a decision here with these petitions. And I think, even though I might end up personally voting no on a ballot initiative that was out there, I don't know for sure, I think it will pass. How can we get...how can we help that process. If this passes, how can we be there to help this process? If this amendment and this resolution is the best way, let's do it. If Senator Janssen's resolution is the best way, then let's do it. My point is, FA1449, it's...I know him too well, it's his own little personal filibuster ploy. Vote it down, and let's move on with this process, or let's get off the process, because the people are taking the process right now. And those two boats across the river, or on the other side of the river, in Council Bluffs, that we're so worried about, if the people get their way, I think those things will be cut loose and they'll float away as well. So thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Tyson, Erdman amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President. We have just heard from Senator "Nostradamus." And like a good many of his prophecies, I'm not too sure what he's prophesying. I am sure of the consequences of LR 14CA, assuming that Senator Schimek's amendment passes. To me, Senator Erdman's amendment to it merely strips down superfluous language. Nothing in the Constitution of Nebraska shall be construed to prohibit or restrict, as authorized by the register (sic-Legislature), up to eight. Taking that one sentence, if nothing in the Constitution